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1. [REDACTED] a Soviet soldier in Hungary stated that soldiers for service outside the USSR were selected by local or district recruiting offices. He said that all persons were excluded from this service who had been prisoners-of-war, had worked as foreign workers in Germany, had lived in German-occupied territories during the war, had relatives outside the borders of the USSR, or were under surveillance by the Ministry for State Security. He said that those selected for service abroad were attached to special instruction battalions by the recruiting centers. They attended three-month courses of instruction, during which 15 to 20 percent of the participants were excluded.
2. According to the same soldier, three classes, namely the 1929, 1930, and the 1931, were serving with the forces in May 1952. Soldiers of the 1928 class who were retained beyond their normal years of service, as well as men of the 1932 class who had been drafted in advance, were also on active duty.
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25X1A 3. Paramilitary training for the young people was given by former officers and replaced gymnastics in all schools in the USSR. This training included field training, training with hand grenades, and other military practices. Other exercises, lasting 120 to 180 hours per year, were conducted for 18-year-old girls in villages and factories by former soldiers.

1. Comment. [REDACTED] that the discharge of the 1929 class was begun in July 1952.

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